

THE GIRL'S DEATH A PUZZLE.

HOW COULD MARTHA J. FULLER HAVE SHOT HERSELF THUS?

Where She Fell, How Could Any One but Herself Have Shot Hert-Lawyer Maggot Remanded Without Bail—He Says He Never Made Love to the Girl—Her Relatives Say that He Did, and that He For-

There is mystery enough about the shooting of Miss Martha J. Fuller in the office of her employer, William Mullen, in Nassau Chambers, 114 Nassau street, just after 5 o'clock on Saturday night, to make it one of the most interesting cases the police of New York have had in many years.

If the young woman shot herself, as Lawyer Joseph T. Magee says, who, so far as appears, was the only person in the office besides herself at the time, her act is unexplained and

her friends say, unexplainable. There are a multitude of circumstances connected with the shooting itself that make it hard to understand how she could have shot herself. She was shot, or at any rate her body was found, in front of her desk, marked P in the diagram, beside which there is a steam radiator and a window looking into Naanaa street. She was not left-handed, yet she was shot in the left temple, the bullet going straight through her head. She had no glove on her right hand, but the glove on the left hand was

Diagram of the Officer's

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| R | General Office. | Reception Room. |
| A | | |
| F | | D |

Mr. Sullivan's
Private Office,

A—Where Miss Fuller's body lay.
F—Miss Fuller's desk.
B—Steampipe struck by the bullet.
R—Radiator.
M—Maceo's desk, where he kept his pistol.
L—Desk at which Maceo says he was sitting.
E—Only way of entrance to the office.

guard protected the trigger of the pistol. I wouldn't have been easy to insert a finger

On this guard. If she used her ungloved right hand and pulled the trigger with her thumb, it is remarkable that she should have shot so true in a position so strained.

with the front wall of the room and struck at the height of her head a gilded steam pipe in the front corner opposite (marked 8 in the diagram). It glanced from that and struck the side wall, some feet away, near which it was found. Facing the window, she must have whirled completely around after the shot to fall into the position in which she was found. All this is on the supposition that she fell where she stood and was found where she fell. On that supposition, if it is difficult to understand how she managed to shoot herself; it is at least as difficult to make out how any

Mr. Magee says that he was in the back room, or reception room, and that the door between the two rooms was closed. This is the only door by which a person coming in from the corridor can get into the room in which Miss Fuller was killed. There is another door from Mr. Mulen's private office, but there is no access from the corridor to the private office. Mr. Magee himself told the story of the shooting to Tamm.

where he had been taken for a formal hearing. He was taken to the office of the chief clerk from the office about half an hour. Two clerks employed in the office had gone out shortly after. Mr. Magee was left alone with Miss Fuller. The office was empty except that he got a legal document to copy and after Mr. Mullien had gone he dictated this matter to Miss Fuller. He says she did the work in her usual way. She did not know that he was going to be killed. He had nothing on her mind but her work and a desire to get through with it so that she might go home. She worked rapidly, and owing to

MAJES said he said to her:

MAJES Fuller will run over and get this correct."

He said to her, "You're impatient, huh?"

MAJES: She paid no attention to him. This word was finished about half past 5 o'clock, and he went over to the corner of the room where the door was, and he took the bag and he dried them. Miss Fuller in the mean time made her preparations to go home. She got the little bag that she carried to and from the office and she put the gloves in the bag and took the gloves from that and began to put on the left glove. Just at that moment, Majes says to the woman who scrubs the offices or the floor, "That floor needs scrubbing. It's a mess. That floor needs scrubbing. It's a mess. It's a mess."

MAJES: Yes, scrub. He walked over

On the reception room used to wait the guests. For a moment she remembered that she had seen some things of his own out of the general office when she should have gone. While waiting he sat down at the little desk in the reception room and took out a small book. She saw that it was Muller taking off her left glove again, lay it on her desk, and go over to the wash basin where she washed her hands. This took her but a moment. She picked up her bag and put on the left glove. She began again to put on the left glove, and started to leave the office. She had almost reached the door when she said:

"Excuse me a moment; I forgot something."

general office and closed the door. He thought he saw her, but he says that she was going to arrange her hair and change her clothing. He went on looking just how long he could. He says that a time elapsed he doesn't know, but he says that he was in the office for a minute when he heard that the door was open and the crack of the pistol.

"It startled me. I jumped up and rushed to the door. I threw it open and there was a young woman lying on the floor, hit by three bullets. Miss Fuller, the girl who had been with her by her side near her right hand, was lying on the floor. I was probably six inches from her hand. She was gasping for breath. I gave the alarm, and you know and I told you that I ran to the door.

"The police came in they found this pistol lying under a pad of paper on top of the

answer to his call for help two men came whose names he does not know but who were later identified as being the two men who killed him. One of the men, who was wearing a light-colored suit, was the one who fired the shot which is across the hall. This boy's name is Brannigan, or something like that, and Magee says Brannigan picked up the pistol. This occurred in the room where the two men had an office on the floor above, and who was one of the two men who were in the room.

"Magee," says Reilly, was walking up and down the room and looking at the door. He was looking at the door and saw the door open and saw the door broken up. When he picked up the pistol and put it on the desk, Magee said sharply to him: "What did you do that for?"

thing. It shouldn't have been disturbed. You ought to have left it on the floor where it was until the police came and asked particularly about the pistol. He said: 'It is true it is my pistol. I have had it a long time. I kept it in the third drawer of my desk.' That was all he said. I saw him. I don't remember just when I bought the pistol or just why I bought it now it was so long ago, but I never used it. I hadn't seen it for some time. I never kept it loaded. It was not loaded the last time that I looked at it."

Four of the five chambers were loaded when the police got the revolver. The fifth chamber

"Miss Fuller," said Magee, "must have loaded the revolver herself, for I did not. It was accessible to her, and had always been. She was a confidential clerk. She had the key to